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Key dates for the Diary:

<https://www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/key-dates>

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the school year and what a busy last two weeks we have had. There have been so many events from the outstanding Year 6 performance of Darwin Rocks to Reception wonderful Reception Graduation. Year 6 have enjoyed a day out at Bowood House - finding their courage to tackle the death slide and Year 5 children have enjoyed a trip to the Rec. Year 4s went down to the Goods Shed as part of their local history topic and we all enjoyed raising money for Cancer Research participating in Race for Life this week.

A special mention should be made to Lily McKay who, last weekend, became the British National Champion in dressage at the Riding for the Disabled nationals. She previously won the Cotswold tournament, the mid west regionals and now has become the national champion and was presented with her award by a Paralympian. Lily also got silver in her vaulting. We are super proud of her - well done Lily!

We are very sad to be saying good-bye today to Mrs Cartledge, Mrs Pike, Mrs Miller, Mrs McIndoe, Mrs Bish, Mrs Del Nevo and Mrs Cole. We wish them every success in the next stage of their lives. We also say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 children who will be going on to their secondary schools. We will miss you all and we are very proud of each of you. We wish lots of luck and happiness in your new schools.

School will re-open to children on Wednesday 6th September at the new start time of 08.45 for KS1 and EYFS. KS2 children will come into school at 08.50 as normal. I will be writing to parents before the start of next term to confirm the arrangements for drop off and pick ups.

From everyone at St. Mary's, I hope you have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you next term.

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Year 6

Farewell to our Year Six Superstars

This week has been a great last week for Year Six children. Here are just a few photographs to enjoy – Bowood, Race for Life and our amazing water fight!

Good luck for the next step in life's journey. You are all amazing and we will miss you.



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Year 4 - visit the Tetbury Trail and Good Shed

This week, Year 4 visited the Tetbury Trail and Goods Shed. We enjoyed a lovely walk from school around Tetbury to The Goods Shed as part of our History study of the Tetbury Railway. In groups, we completed a scavenger hunt using a map to look for answers about the railway from the information boards along the trail. After enjoying a lovely picnic lunch, we returned to school.

'It was great fun and I enjoyed looking for the information.' George W

'I liked finding the information points using the map.' Skylar



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Race for Life



Mrs Boswell and Colby from Cherry Class have teams in Cirencester Relay for Life this weekend. They will be taking part in a 24hr event at Cirencester Rugby Club, all in aid of Cancer Research. There will be lots of family friendly activities and would love your support, especially if the weather forecast doesn't change! You can donate to Mrs Boswell's team here

https://relay.cancerresearchuk.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/General?team_id=18212&pg=team&fr_id=2194

Or Colby's team here

https://relay.cancerresearchuk.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/General?team_id=22102&pg=team&fr_id=2194



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Cherry and Lime

Many moons ago the EYFS teachers held a toy stall at the front of the school. We have been unable to decide what to spend the money on...until now! This week we purchased 2 remote control robots called Botley for the children to explore simple coding skills.

Thank you to everyone who bought a toy from us!



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Lunchbowl appeal

An amazing £567 has been raised!

St Marys Tetbury

You have made an incredible difference already and we are so grateful to you

Asante Sana

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Thank you to all our friends at St Marys for your incredible generosity. You have helped raise £567 !!!!!

You are amazing and have made an incredible difference to the children in the Kibera Slum, Nairobi. In fact your money will pay for lunch for 1,701 children !



Lunchbowl Update

The Saturday Lunch Programme is currently feeding up to 400 children. For many of these, this is the only hot meal of the week.

We educate over 500 disadvantaged children (between the ages of 3-14) at the Angel Kindergarten and Good Samaritan Primary school. We opened our junior school in January 2023 meaning that children can continue their education to 18 years old.

We want every child to develop emotionally, spiritually and academically to give them a bright future. Each child is given breakfast, lunch and snacks.

We also have a Special Needs Class called Zawardi (meaning Gift) and also a class for hearing impaired children. They are all desperately in need.

We continue to have an extreme needs fund to rescue children at risk or to provide emergency hospital treatment.

If your family or business would like to sponsor a child for £25/month, please get in touch. <https://www.lunchbowl.org/sponsor-a-child.html>



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We have had another great fundraising year, raising a whopping **£12,000!!!**

Thanks to these amazing funds we have been able to enrich our children's school experience by funding:

- Bubble Bach
- An author visit from Andy Seed
- Ash class interactive whiteboard
- Governors' contribution
- Individual class fund
- ISing Pop
- Young Voices coach
- Reception class rugs
- Glockenspiels
- Equality and diversity workshop
- Bowood coach
- Year 2 camp toilet
- Barn theatre coach
- Year 3 Roman Baths

Thank you for all of your support this year.

We would especially like to thank everyone who has helped organise and run our events – you are invaluable... without you we would not be able to continue to raise these amazing amounts which in turn benefit all of our children. Thank you.

We hope everyone has a great summer holiday.

St. Mary's PTFA

(ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)

Easyfundraising.com

Easyfundraising is an easy way to support your child's school at no cost to you!

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When you are doing any online shopping, click via Easyfundraising.com to support St Mary's school without it costing you a penny.

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Do your online shopping via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarystetbury/> and the retailer pays a percentage of your total without any charge to you.

Friends and family can also use Easyfundraising as an easy way to support your children's school.

Donate my school

You, your family and friends can continue to support St Mary's School Parents, Teachers & Friends Association by making donations here: <https://donatemyschool.com/st-mary's-ptfa-tetbury-2345>

Textile Recycler

The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr3/4 playground. All funds raised by St. Mary's PTFA go directly towards benefiting each and every child that attends our school.

Please let the school office know if you find the bin full.



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Community

Our Summer camps are just around the corner! Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this Summer with a selection of places still available to book!

Rating Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialise in multi-activity clubs for children ages 4-14.

With a focus on fun, activities on offer span everything from arts and crafts to sports and active play, all in a safe, enjoyable environment designed to cater for all.

Highlights include:

- Ofsted rated 'outstanding'
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount available

For further information, please watch this video <https://atlas camps.co.uk/promo/generic-16x9.mp4> or check out the poster.

Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.



The poster is a colorful triangular graphic. The top section is dark blue with white text: 'COME AND JOIN THE FUN' with three stars, 'WE'RE RUNNING ACTION-PACKED HOLIDAY CAMPS THIS SUMMER, FROM ONLY £27.50 A DAY' with two stars, and 'AWARD-WINNING MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS' with one star. The middle section is white with a diagonal split: the top half shows a boy jumping over a fence, and the bottom half shows a girl running. Text in this section includes 'atlas camps' in blue and pink, 'SUMMER CAMP 2023' in large pink letters, 'OFSTED RATED OUTSTANDING' with a star, and 'EARLY DROP OFF/ LATE PICK UP' with a star. The bottom section is pink with white text: 'BOOK NOW' with a location pin icon, 'ATLASCAMPS.CO.UK', 'INFO@ATLASCAMPS.CO.UK', '0800 772 0743', and '4 - 14 YRS OLD' with a star. At the bottom are social media icons for Facebook and Instagram (@ATLASCAMPS), a 'CHILD CARE VOUCHERS' logo, an 'Ofsted Registered' logo, and a '4 - 14 YRS OLD' age range icon.

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Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Please follow the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine July/Aug 2023](#)

The **July/Aug 2023** issue is loaded with useful information for local parents including:

- The benefits of performing arts
- Summer Reading Challenge 2023
- Moreton Show 2023 - family fun, food and farm
- Top family beaches in the UK
- Top theme parks to visit this summer
- Outdoor adventures for summer
- Let the kids in the kitchen recipes
- Helping your child with school transitions
- School uniform labelling options
- Avoid summer hearing loss
- Let's go plastic-free in 2023
- and loads more.....



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The Library Challenge

Join us this year for a new look Library Challenge

Sat 15 July - Sat 16 September 2023

Suitable for children aged 3-12 years



Supported by specific funding by
**ARTS COUNCIL
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THIS YEAR'S THEME: **MUSIC**

Join in on all The Library has to offer this summer for **free!**

Enjoy music, get creative, get out into nature, and read books you enjoy to get rewards.



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EXPLORE YOUR CHALLENGE



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The Library Challenge is a brand new and exclusive challenge for the children of Gloucestershire. It aims to combat the summer reading dip by incentivising reading for pleasure throughout the summer holidays, and giving families opportunity to discover all Gloucestershire Libraries has to offer, all for free. Below is some more info;

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YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nj2snGl9Y7A> – this 3 minute for families to watch at home.

The official press release is here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-june-2023/free-summer-challenge-for-children-with-gloucestershire-libraries/>

The Library Challenge is free, and available for all children aged 3-12yrs. Library membership is open to everyone, and all are welcome!

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